

Tamar Tag Meeting Minutes

22nd December 2022– Ploughboy Inn Saltash

Present: Mel Priston, Steve Miller, Lee Lidstone, Steph Carter, Victoria Slavin, Scott Slavin, John Steer, John Stamm, Hilary frank

Apologies: Ann Waters, Denis Morgan

This meeting was originally set up to meet with Cllr Phil Partridge who had requested a meeting with TTAG before Christmas. Unfortunately Cllr Partridge could not attend due to ill health so as committee members were assembled it was decided to have an impromptu meeting instead.

The minutes of the meeting for the 22nd November 2022 were NOT read and agreed

ACTION – SC to ensure they are read and agreed at the next meeting.

MATTERS ARISING –

The letter to Cllrs was sent to ALL Cornwall County Councillors and Plymouth Councillors .
The following responses have been received –

SUPPORT

Cllr Steve Barnes CC Redruth Labour – in support
Cllr Dorothy Kirk – CC – Calstock – Labour – support
Cllr Sharon Dawe – CC – Conservative – support
Cllr C Wells – CC – Truro – Conservative – support
Cllr Nick Kelly – PCC – support
Cllr L Rich – CC – Truro independent - support

AGAINST

Cllr George Wheeler – PCC -St Budeaux – Green Party – former Chair of TBTFJC 95-21 – against

ACTION – MP to reply to those Cllrs to thank them for their support and ask them to spread the word.

Nothing has been heard from Cllr Sheila Lennox Boyd

ACTION –

MP to draft a letter asking for her support and to ask her to initiate an appointment for us with Sheryl Murray MP.

Letter to Hauliers has been written now to go to J Steer to finalise. It was agreed that we also should ask the Hauliers

- to supply us with information relating to the annual cost of bridge crossings to their company so that we can start building evidence.
- Ask if they would like to advertise on our website for a small contribution to our campaign

ACTION –

MP to send haulier letter to John Steer for final comments
SC to send spreadsheet of Hauliers to John Steer
John Steer to ask if it would be possible to give a short presentation to the Hauliers meetings.

TREASURER REPORT

Balance held
TOTAL £320.33

Less invoice for car stickers

ACTION –

Steve M to send invoice for car stickers to LL

STRATEGY AND NEXT MOVES

Cornwall Network Panel Meeting – 7TH December

Cllr Hilary Frank kindly allocated 5 mins for us to introduce the Tamar Toll Action Group to the Gateway Councillors. Mel made a presentation which was well received by the Cllrs in attendance. It was proposed by Cllr Francis that the Panel vote to support TTAG but other Cllrs felt they wanted to take the information back to their own Parish and Town Councils so that they could establish the feeling there. They would bring their decision back to the next Panel meeting in March.

ACTION –

MP – to send each of the town and Parish councils a copy of the letter recently sent to all County Cllrs along with a copy of the presentation made to the panel asking them to add TTAG to their council agendas.

SC – to find the email addresses for MP

SM – to inform us if STC do not add it to the Agenda so we can lobby them.

TBTF Joint committee meeting – 2nd December

No one from the TTAG committee attended but SC has asked for a recording of the meeting. They were supposed to have debated the 'User pays' principle. Also to check if Cllr Long asked for a debate on Tag holders being emailed before toll increases.

ACTION -

SC to chase Cllr Long again (4th Time of asking) about asking for the Tag Holders to be emailed before any toll increases. We want this item added to the agenda so that it can be discussed in full.

SC – to listen to the recording of this meeting and feed back to the committee.

Sherryl Murray – a letter was received but the letter did not answer our concerns. It was agreed to reply asking her for a meeting. Permission was also to be sought as to whether she was happy for her initial and subsequent replies to be sent to members.

ACTION -

VS – to draft a reply to Sheryl's letter asking for a meeting.

Torpoint and Plymouth meetings

It was agreed that a Public meeting should be held in Torpoint in February and a Plymouth meeting in March.

ACTION -

MP to write to the Town Clerk of Torpoint to ask if they can help with a venue.

Publicity

Banner to be displayed at the bottom of Fore St from 9th Jan 2023 for 2 weeks.

ACTION –

SM to take the banner to STC

WEBSITE - it was agreed that the calendar should be updated with dates for meetings.

ACTION –

MP – to allocate this task

Facebook – Cllr Toms had posted a message asking people to send him details of the costs incurred by business and bridge users so that he can build a case.

ACTION -

All committee members to send details to Cllr Toms

We need to continue to increase Member numbers to our facebook page

ACTION –

SC to post some info on the Saltash community pages in order to get more members to join.

Car stickers - these have now been received at a cost of 15p each – it was agreed to sell them at 50p.

ACTION -

LL to take stickers to glow beads and then advertise them on our facebook page.

NEXT MEETNG – it was agreed that future meetings would be held every 4th Tuesday. Time and Venue to be confirmed.

MEETING CLOSED 9.40pm